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Athlete Selection Policy
FEI Young Rider European Eventing Championships, 2018
CH-EU-YR-CCI2*, Fontainebleau, France

SECTION I TIMELINES

The selection timelines for the CH-EU-YR-CCI2* 2018, Fontainebleau, France are as follows;

1.2	Monday 11 June 2018	Horse Sport Ireland formally submits the nominated entries (18 combinations) to the FEI, to include a certificate of capability for the CH-EU-YR-CCI2* , Fontainebleau, pursuant to Article 501.3.2 of the FEI Eventing Rules, 2018;
1.3	Wednesday 20 June 2018	6 squad athletes will be selected - the 6 athletes will be selected as per Section V, arising out of their performances throughout the season;
1.4	Wednesday 20 June 2018	In addition to the 6 squad athletes as detailed above, 2 combinations will be named as non- travelling reserves;
1.5	Thursday 5 July 2018	Horse Sport Ireland will submit the Definite Entries to the FEI;
1.6	Wednesday 11 July 2018	Following the first official horse inspection, the IRL championship team of 4 athletes will be selected;

SECTION II ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION

- 2.1 All athletes and horses wishing to compete at the **CH-EU-YR-CCI2***, Fontainebleau, (FRA) must in the first instance achieve a Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MER) in accordance with Article 521 of the FEI Eventing Rules.
- 2.2 It is the sole responsibility of each Young Rider Athlete, their Person Responsible and/or their personal management team to ensure that the athlete/horse combination has the required MER for the level of the Championship. In this case the MER for the **CH-EU-YR-CCI2***, Fontainebleau (FRA) is ONE CCI** as a combination, pursuant to Article 521 of the FEI Eventing Rules.
- 2.3 Thereafter, Young Rider Athletes, their Person Responsible and/or their personal management team should be mindful that the MER as stated above, is only a MINIMUM requirement.

SECTION III RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1 It is the sole responsibility of each Young Rider Athletes, their Person Responsible and/or their personal management team to be fully cognisant of the current FEI Rules for Eventing and the FEI Clean Sport policy.
- 3.2 Athletes must strictly abide by the principles of the following:
 - i. FEI General Regulations;
 - ii. FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse;
 - iii. FEI & HSI Equine Anti-Doping Rules and Equine Controlled Medication Rules and the Human Anti-Doping Rules as set out by the FEI and Sport Ireland;

- iv. Horse Sport Ireland General Rules;
 - v. The Horse Sport Ireland 'Athlete Code of Conduct' and act in a manner that does not bring Team Ireland Equestrian into disrepute, please see appendix 1 attached;
- 3.3 Prompt communications with the Young Rider High Performance Team Manager, Team Coaches, Team Veterinarian and Horse Sport Ireland in relation to the HSI Young Rider High Performance Programme are required throughout the season;
- 3.4 Athletes must show a commitment to personal fitness and professional behaviour;
- 3.5 All Athletes selected will be required to wear the official HSI Team Ireland Equestrian kit while participating at the **CH-EU-YR-CCI2***, Fontainebleau (FRA);
- 3.6 The HPM has set 24 June 2018 as the last day that athletes can compete before the **CH-EU-YR-CCI2***, Fontainebleau unless otherwise instructed by the Young Rider Young Rider High Performance Team Manager.
- 3.7 One of the goals of the Horse Sport Ireland Young Rider High Performance Programme is to build a good team spirit within the squad. If an athlete is not contributing to this, the Young Rider High Performance Team Manager reserves her right to remove that combination from the squad with immediate effect.

SECTION IV VETERINARY

- 4.1 The Young Rider High Performance Team Manager and/or Horse Sport Ireland can request that a horse be made available for inspection by the Team Veterinarian or an appointed Veterinarian at any time. Athletes must comply with this request.
- 4.2 Athletes must notify the Young Rider High Performance Team Manager of any change in their horse's health status or of any veterinary issues when they first become apparent;
- 4.3 The Young Rider High Performance Team Manager and/or Horse Sport Ireland can send the Team Veterinarian or an appointed Veterinarian to take a blood and/or urine sample from a horse at any time, for the purposes of testing for prohibited substances, and/or as part of an assessment of the horse's well-being;
- 4.4 Athletes (at their own expense), shall make available, upon the request of the Team Veterinarian or an appointed Veterinarian, the veterinary records of horses being considered for selection. In addition, athletes, (at their own expense), shall be responsible for supplying any follow-up diagnostic information requested by the Team Veterinarian for horses being considered for selection. Athletes, (at their own expense), are to consider any treatment prescribed by the Team Veterinarian, in consultation with the horse's regular Private Treating Veterinarian. Failure to comply with any request of the Team Veterinarian or an appointed Veterinarian may result in the removal of the athlete/horse combination from selection by the Young Rider High Performance Team Manager;
- 4.5 Each athlete will be required to keep a log book [**Appendix 3**] for their horses in which they must record all products, treatments, supplements used on or given to their horse from 19 June, 2018 until the first vet inspection on 11 July, 2018. The Team Veterinarian will be entitled to view this log book at any time. Athletes are required to submit this log book to the Team Veterinarian on or before 5 July, 2018 in line with Rule 8.12 of the Horse Sport Ireland General Rules.
- 4.6 For the purposes of section IV, the Young Rider High Performance Team Manager reserves her right to remove an athlete combination from selection, where the athlete does not comply with any of the above veterinary requests or the horse is deemed unsound by the Team Veterinarian to travel and compete at the **CH-EU-YR-CCI2***, Fontainebleau (FRA). The decision of the HPM on advice from the Team Veterinarian is final.

SECTION V SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA

- 5.1 Pursuant to the 2018 FEI Eventing Rules, a team of 4 athlete/horse combinations, and 2 individual athlete/horse combinations are authorised to take part in the **CH-EU-YR-CCI2*** Fontainebleau, (FRA) for 2018.
- 5.2 In order to retain a squad place for the **CH-EU-YR-CCI2***, athletes are expected to run at three (3) designated viewing events listed below at 5.3.

5.3 Viewing events for selection 2018

International Events Ballindenisk CCI** (18 – 22 April 2018) AND/OR Tattersalls CCI2* U25 (30 May – 3 June 2018)
Tyrella 3 O/CNC2** (14 April 2018)
Lisgarvan O/CNC2** (29 April 2018) (Venue to confirm if running)
Rosanna O/CNC2** (6 May 2018)
Kilguilkey O/CNC2** (14 May 2018)
Rosanna O/CNC2** (20 May 2018)
<p>The Young Rider High Performance Team Manager has allowed for 5 identified key national (O/CNC2**) events so that Young Rider athletes have the flexibility to choose their events.</p> <p>If combinations wish to compete at national 3* level, it is the choice of Young Rider Athletes, their Person Responsible and/or their personal management team. Advice can be sought from the Young Rider HP manager, but it is ultimately the responsibility of Young Rider Athletes, their Person Responsible and/or their personal management team.</p> <p>If an athlete cannot attend any of the above stated selection events, due to their base not being in Ireland, they must contact the HP manager and discuss their plans for the season and their reasoning behind it.</p> <p>Combinations should be mindful that they will be expected to run at least 3 of the listed above events.</p> <p>For combinations to compete at CNC National 2*/3* level they must meet the necessary Eventing Ireland Qualifications.</p>
Annaharvey (17 June 2018) O/CNC** Note: all nominated entry athletes are expected to compete here unless expressly excused by the Young Rider High Performance Team Manager.

5.4 Where Young Rider athletes, their persons responsible and/or their personal management teams decide to pursue European selection, such individuals must take into account horse welfare considerations when running their respective horses, especially with regard to the identified key national (O/CNC2**) events. The Young Rider High Performance Team Manager has allowed for 5 identified key national (O/CNC2**) events so that Young Rider athletes have the flexibility to choose their events. However, Young Rider athletes, their persons responsible and/or their personal management should not compromise a horse's welfare for the sake of selection. The Young Rider High Performance Team Manager may deem this contrary to the spirit of the Junior HP Programme.

5.5 Young Rider athletes are encouraged to discuss their particular competition plan with the Young Rider High Performance Team Manager at the start and during the season. For the avoidance of doubt, it is not the responsibility of the Young Rider High Performance Team Manager to verify particular plans for Young Rider Athletes but to provide technical guidance. It is only the Young Rider Athlete, their persons responsible and/or their personal management teams who are in a position to make an informed decision on their competition plan based on the combinations requisite competency and skill at that time.

- 5.6 Where an athlete is in a privileged position of having two horses going forward for selection, the Young Rider High Performance Team Manager reserves the right to choose which horse will travel to the championships, based on general measures set out in 5.1, 5.16, 5.17, 5.18, 5.19 & 5.20 below;
- 5.7 The Young Rider Eventing Young Rider High Performance Team Manager **may select 6 athlete/horse combinations** based on their performances at any of the identified key events' as set out in section 5.3 above and/or any other national or international events throughout the 2018 season, such selections will be made by the Young Rider High Performance Team Manager in her sole and absolute discretion to achieve the best possible result at the CH-EU-YR-CCI2*, Fontainebleau, (FRA).
- 5.8 Without in anyway limiting the discretion of the Young Rider High Performance Team Manager, the following measures will be considered in the context of the selection of 6 squad places.
- 5.9 Further, the below measures will also be considered when selecting the 2 athlete/horse combinations that will be named as non-travelling reserves in order. All reserves selected should be available (if necessary) to step in to the squad up until the departure date for the Championships.
- 5.10 In assessing the performances of combinations, the Young Rider Eventing Young Rider High Performance Team Manager will consider the following competition measures:
- i. The final score (across all three phases of the competition);
 - ii. The scores achieved in each individual phase; and
 - iii. The final placing of the Combination (note that the score and the placing of each Combination will be considered but do not automatically position one Combination above another for selection purposes)
- 5.11 In assessing the performance of combinations, the Young Rider High Performance Team Manager will give consideration to general measures. These general measures include, but are not limited to:
- i. Past performances and present form of the athlete and horse combination.
 - ii. the suitability of the Combination with regard to the likely characteristics of the cross country course and the arenas at Fontainebleau, France and for the unexpected conditions of the **CH-EU-YR-CCI2***, (taking into account the objective of the team and individual competition);
 - iii. the ability of the Athlete and his/her support team to operate and perform in a FEI championship environment which is highly regulated & pressurised;
 - iv. the ability of the Athlete and/or support team to contribute towards an effective team and winning orientated environment;
 - v. the overall balance of the Combinations that have been selected;
 - vi. the ability and experience of the Combination to compete successfully at the highest level of international competition;
 - vii. demonstrated experience and/ or success at Championship level; the ability, or potential ability, of a Horse and/or Athlete to perform under the stress and pressure of a FEI Championships;
 - viii. the ability of the Athlete, their personal responsible and/or their personal management team to prepare their Horse to peak condition for a major campaign, such as the FEI Championship;
 - ix. consistency of performance and the likelihood of a suitable performance to contribute towards a team medal outcome may be a consideration;
 - x. exceptional ability of a Combination (and the potential to achieve an individual medal) may be a consideration and may, in the Young Rider High Performance Team Manager's sole discretion, place a Combination with less experience or consistency ahead of another Combination;
 - xi. Strong commitment to the Horse Sport Ireland High Performance (HP) Programme;

- 5.12 Where Young Rider athletes, their persons responsible and/or their personal management teams decide to pursue selection, such individuals may wish to discuss their particular competition plan with the Young Rider High Performance Team Manager at the start and during the season. For the avoidance of doubt, it is not the responsibility of the Young Rider High Performance Team Manager to verify particular plans for Young Rider Athletes but to provide technical guidance. It is only the Young Rider Athlete, their persons responsible and/or their personal management teams who are in a position make an informed decision on their competition plan based on the combinations requisite competency and skill at that time.
- 5.13 Following arrival in Fontainebleau and on completion of the first official horse inspection, the Young Rider High Performance Team Manager will select the four athlete/horse combinations, which in her sole and absolute discretion to achieve the best possible **team result** at the Junior European Eventing Championships.
- 5.14 Athletes should note that where a squad place is secured as stated above, this place is wholly dependent on the athlete/horse combination maintaining fitness, form and soundness.
- 5.15 The soundness of the horse to meet the challenges of competing and travelling to the **CH-EU-YR-CCI2***, Fontainebleau, (FRA) will be a significant factor in any selection decision. Athletes must keep the Junior Eventing Young Rider High Performance Team Manager fully briefed on any health or soundness issues the horse may have both historically and throughout the selection period. From 19 June, 2018 all selected squad members must immediately inform the Young Rider High Performance Team Manager and Team Veterinarian of any illness or injury (however minor). Where it becomes apparent that a squad horse is unsound, and/or that there was a non-disclosure relating to soundness, the Young Rider Eventing Young Rider High Performance Team Manager reserves the right to remove that combination from the squad with immediate effect. The decision of the HPM on advice from the Team Veterinarian is final.
- 5.16 Prior and subsequent to selection, the Young Rider Eventing Young Rider High Performance Team Manager may undertake regular evaluations as to the combinations standard of fitness, their progress in training, their preparedness for the event and their form over three disciplines (as a combination and on other horses). Any advices provided by the Team Veterinarian, Team Coaches, and medical professionals may be utilised by the Young Rider Eventing Young Rider High Performance Team Manager, where required. However, such evaluations shall be discretionary on the part of the Young Rider High Performance Team Manager.
- 5.17 Furthermore, the Young Rider Eventing Young Rider High Performance Team Manager shall have the authority to remove a selected horse/athlete combination from the squad or as a reserve, where the selected horse and/or athlete has not maintained their fitness, standard of performance, form over three disciplines or any other performance related matter in which the HPM considers important, which is not a standard comparable to that exhibited so as to gain selection to represent Ireland at the **CH-EU-YR-CCI2***, Fontainebleau, (FRA).
- 5.18 High Performance Squad training will be held at various times and dates throughout the season. Please see appendix 5 attached. Once the squad has been selected after Annaharvey CNCJ1* 17th June, 2018, training will commence for those 6 squad athletes.

SECTION VI FORCE MAJEURE

- 6.1 In considering the performances of athletes at events or other attendances in line with this policy, the Young Rider Eventing Young Rider High Performance Team Manager may, in her discretion, give weight to extenuating circumstances.
- 6.2 For the purposes of section 6.1 above, extenuating circumstances means an inability to compete, or perform at an optimum level arising from:
- i. Injury or illness;
 - ii. Bereavement or personal misfortune, and/or;
 - iii. Any other factors reasonably considered by the Young Rider High Performance Team Manager to constitute extenuating circumstances;
- 6.3 Athletes unable to compete at events, trials or other attendances required under this policy must advise the Young Rider Eventing Young Rider High Performance Team Manager by email

of this fact and the reasons thereof as soon as practicable after the extenuating circumstances arise.

- 6.4 In the case of injury or illness, athletes may be required to undergo a medical examination by a doctor or doctor (s) nominated by Horse Sport Ireland. The Young Rider Eventing Young Rider High Performance Team Manager reserves her right to remove an athlete where the designated medical officer deems the athlete unfit to compete, at the level which resulted in their selection for the **CH-EU-YR-CCI2***.
- 6.5 A decision in each case of extenuating circumstances will be made by the Young Rider Eventing Young Rider High Performance Team Manager on a case by case basis.

SECTION VII REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- 7.1 An athlete shall be removed from squad selection (individual or team), non-travelling reserve selection, FEI Nominated Entries and/or FEI Final Entries by the Young Rider High Performance Team Manager pursuant clause 3.7, 4.6, 5.19, 5.20 & 6.4 above;
- 7.2 An athlete may be removed from squad selection (individual or team), non-travelling reserve selection, FEI Nominated Entries and/or FEI Final Entries for any of the following reasons, as determined by Horse Sport Ireland Sport Panel;
- i. Notification of an adverse analytical finding following on from testing pursuant to the FEI & HSI Equine Anti-Doping Rules and Equine Controlled Medication Rules & FEI & Sport Ireland Human Anti-Doping Protocols;
 - ii. Violation of the FEI & HSI Equine Anti-Doping Rules and Equine Controlled Medication Rules & FEI & Sport Ireland Human Anti-Doping Protocols;
 - iii. Violation of the FEI Hypersensitivity Protocol;
 - iv. Violation or alleged of the FEI Sport Rules and Regulations and HSI General Rules;
 - v. Violation or alleged violation of the HSI Code of Conduct;
 - vi. Any action which could damage the reputation of the Sport or the Country;
- 7.3 The Young Rider Young Rider High Performance Team Manager reserves the right to refer any matter outlined in 7.2 above to the Horse Sport Ireland Sport Panel for determination.
- 7.4 A decision of the Horse Sport Ireland Sport Panel is final and binding.

SECTION VIII DISCLAIMERS

- 8.1 These procedures are based on FEI General Regulations and applicable FEI Sport Rules as presently known and understood. This athlete selection policy is based on the latest information available to HSI. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.
- 8.2 As such, this policy can be amended at any time by Horse Sport Ireland. Horse Sport Ireland reserves the right to amend or change the Selection Policy where necessary at any time in order to fulfil the objective of the Selection Policy. In the event, that Horse Sport Ireland is of the opinion, that such an amendment is necessary as a result of any change in any of the above stated rules, regulations and agreements, to give effect to the policy following discovery of a drafting error or oversight or for any other reason determined to be in the best interests of Horse Sport Ireland. Horse Sport Ireland shall not be responsible or liable in any way to anyone as a result of any such amendment.

Any queries with regard to the above athlete selection policy can be directed to the Young Rider Eventing Young Rider High Performance Team Manager, Debbie Byrne dbyrne@horsesportireland.ie or Aileen Cartwright, Young Rider HP Administrator acartwright@horsesportireland.ie

Policy Amendments:

05th March 2018 – Inclusion of Rosanna O/CNC2 OR CNCJ* (20 May 2018)**

Appendices Schedule

Appendix 1	Athlete Code of Conduct
Appendix 2	HSI Social Media Policy
Appendix 3	HSI Medication & Anti-Doping Declaration & Logbook
Appendix 4	Programme Information
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Horse Sport Ireland Selection Policy and High Performance Programme – Young Rider Event Team 2018.

European Championships Fontainebleau, France 9th – 15th July, 2018

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The programme of training in the early months of 2018 will provide all young rider athletes the opportunity to enhance their training and management methods. The management & coaching team will be available throughout the year in various locations, & will be more than obliging in consulting & advising, when necessary & appropriate. Every effort will be made by the Young Rider High Performance Team Manager to ensure that all of those who participate in the programme will gain from the education they receive.

TRAINING DATES FOR 2018 – ALL AT SPRUCE LODGE

THESE DATES BELOW ARE OPEN TO ALL YOUNG RIDERS

3RD & 4TH FEBRUARY XC

10TH & 11TH FEBRUARY DR & SJ

3RD & 4TH MARCH XC

26TH, 27TH, 28TH MARCH DR & SJ

26TH & 27TH MAY DR & SJ

DATES BELOW ARE ONLY FOR SQUAD RIDERS AND NON TRAVELLING RESERVES

23RD & 24TH JUNE DR & SJ

30TH JUNE & 1ST JULY DR & SJ